

# Southeast and South Central Texas Regional Watershed Coordination Steering Committee

Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board

Colorado County Agriculture Building Columbus, Texas Thursday, September 6, 2012



# Today's Agenda Items

- Welcome and Introductions
- Double Bayou Watershed Protection Plan Linda Shead, Shead Conservation Solutions
- Watershed Planning Priorities for TSSWCB FY2013 CWA §319(h) Request for Proposals Brian Koch, TSSWCB
- Path forward/Upcoming Events
- Adjournment



### TSSWCB RFP

TSSWCB Request for Proposals (RFP) for FY2013 Clean Water Act §319(h) NPS Grant projects was published in the *Texas Register*, August 31, 2012. Proposals will be due October 14, 2012.

More info can be found at:

http://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/management program#rfp



#### **Priority Project Activities:**

- Implement WPPs and TMDL I-Plans.
- WPP development initiatives More information on developing WPPs is available at <a href="http://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/wpp">http://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/wpp</a>.
- Conserve healthy watersheds with a goal to protect high quality waters and prevent future water quality impairments. See EPA's Healthy Watershed Initiative at http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/watershed/index.cfm.



#### **Priority Project Activities Continued:**

- Implement components of the *Texas Coastal NPS Pollution Control Program* in the Coastal Management Zone (<a href="http://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/coastalnps">http://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/coastalnps</a>).
- Support use of federal Farm Bill Programs through Cooperative Conservation in impaired watersheds.
- Demonstration projects and/or development/delivery of statewide education programs



#### **Priority Project Activities Continued:**

- Conducting a comprehensive, site-specific analysis of the factors causing an impairment. Specifically for those waterbodies with the Strategy of Evaluation as listed in Appendix C of the 2012 Texas NPS Management Program (i.e., Segments 1304, 1401, and 1501).
- Conduct Recreational Use Attainability Analyses. Specifically for those waterbodies where an RUAA is identified as appropriate in Appendix C of the 2012 Texas NPS Management Program.



#### RFP Priority Areas for WPP Implementation Projects

- -Arroyo Colorado
- -Dickinson Bayou
- -Geronimo Creek
- -Granbury Lake
- -Pecos River
- -Plum Creek



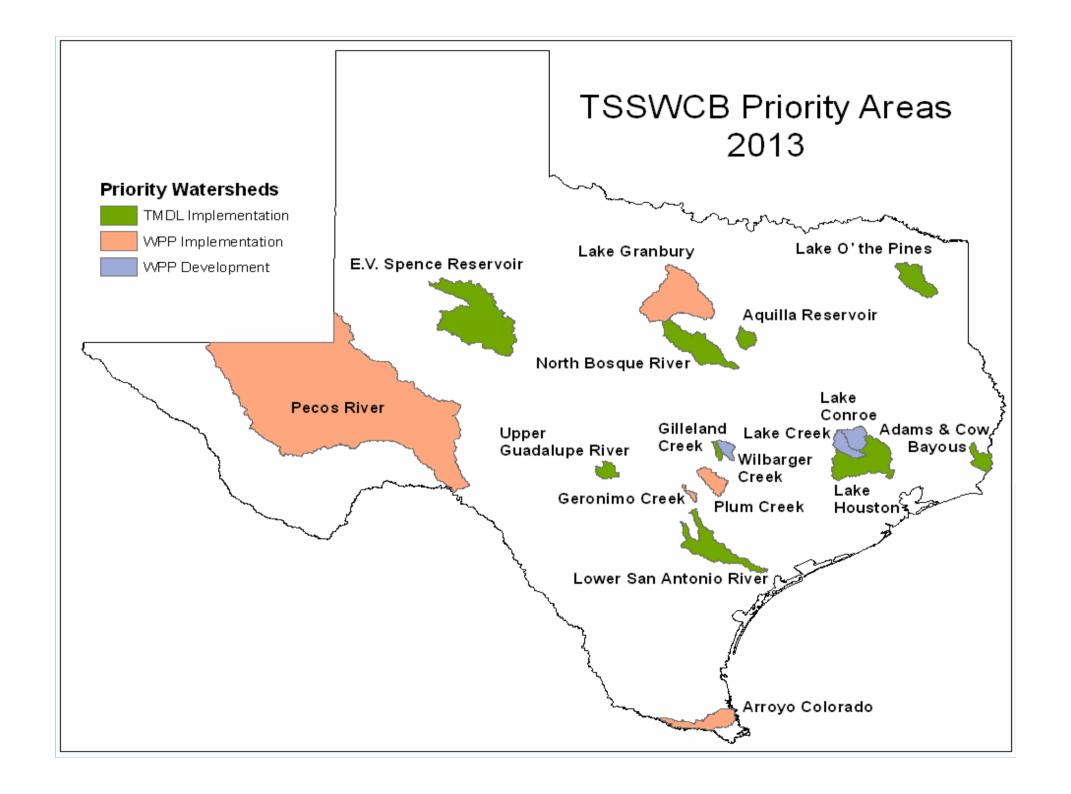
#### RFP Priority Areas for TMDL Implementation Projects

- -Adams and Cow Bayous (bacteria and dissolved oxygen)
- -Aquilla Reservoir (atrazine)
- -Gilleland Creek (bacteria)
- -E.V. Spence Reservoir (salinity)
- -Lake O' the Pines (dissolved oxygen through phosphorus)
- -Lower San Antonio River (bacteria)
- -North Bosque River (nutrients)
- -Guadalupe River above Canyon Lake (bacteria)
- -Lake Houston (bacteria)



#### Priority Areas for WPP Development Initiatives:

- Watersheds identified in Appendix C of the 2012 Texas NPS Management Program where the development of a WPP is identified as the Strategy to address the water quality issue:
  - Lake Conroe (Segment 1012)
  - Lake Creek (Segment 1015)
  - Wilbarger Creek (Tributary to Segment 1434)





## Path Forward/Upcoming Events

- TSSWCB Request for Proposals FY2013 CWA §319(h) grant Open August 31, 2012 Closes on October 12, 2012
- Texas Watershed Steward Workshops Upcoming trainings: Plum Creek Watershed September 11, 2012 Lockhart, Texas TWS course is now online! <a href="http://tws.tamu.edu/online-course-http://tws.tamu.edu/">http://tws.tamu.edu/</a>
- Texas Watershed Planning Short Course -September 24-28, 2012 Bandera, Texas <a href="http://watershedplanning.tamu.edu/">http://watershedplanning.tamu.edu/</a>



- Sheldon Lake Wetland Field Day, October 18, 2012, Sheldon Lake State Park
- 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of SWCD Directors, October 29-31, 2012 Bastrop, Texas
- > Next WCSC meeting December 13, 2012
- Other Announcements



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